Members of Topfree 7 say they have changed strategy

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views on the *Donahue* television program.

The seven were acquitted. But a City Court judge upheld the constitutionality of the statute, ruling that the law should not have been applied to the women because they clearly showed that their actions were part of a protest. The Monroe County district attorney's office is appealing that acquittal.

Schloss said that in their lobbying effort the group will argue the same points they raised in their trial. Among other things, the group argued that law is discriminatory and is causing physical and emotion damage to women. The lobbying will begin after the state legislative session ends, Schloss said.

Yesterday, a group of about 30 men and women canoed, played softball and played with their children.

The picnic's purpose, they said, was to build awareness of the law — its discriminatory nature and how it perpetuates sexual stereotypes.

"We wanted to show that people can see women (bare-breasted) in a natural setting: that's it's not for profit and not for sexual excitement and that nudity does not equal sex," said Ramona Santorelli, one of the original "Topfree Seven."

The picnic broke up after a park employee, during a news interview, said he would notify the police.

When police arrived almost 30 minutes later, only several protesters were at the shelter and the only people shirtless were two men.

Schloss said the group ended the protest because group members had already made their point.

"We felt that it was not necessary to stay and get arrested. We had had such a successful picnic," Schloss said this morning.

"It's been a victory. Obviously, people don't care," she said at the picnic.

But a couple who regularly picnic near the site of the protest said they were offended by the topless women.

"I think it imposes on our privacy. How would you like to be here with your man and have them walking around like that?" asked Patrick France of Rochester.

However, Leigh Andrews, who was catering a picnic nearby, said she wasn't offended. Andrews said her concern was for the children, who perhaps, were not used to the situation.

But, Andrews added, she believes in the right to protest. "It's too bad that people aren't open to anything that's different. That's the joy of living in this country. I don't condemn them."